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FIRST BANCTRUST CORP Form 8-K November 12, 2004

> UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION Washington, D.C. 20549

> > FORM 8-K

CURRENT REPORT PURSUANT TO SECTION 13 OR 15(d) OF THE SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934

Date of Report (Date of earliest event reported): November 12, 2004 (November 10, 2004)

First BancTrust Corporation

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Delaware State or other jurisdiction (Commission of Incorporation

000-32535

37-1406661 (IRS Employer File Number) Identification No.)

206 South Central Avenue, Paris, IL 61944 _____

(Address of principal executive offices) (Zip Code)

(217) 465-6381 _____

(Registrant's telephone number, including area code)

Check the appropriate box below if the Form 8-K filing is intended to simultaneously satisfy the filing obligation of the registrant under any of the following provisions:

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- [] Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 14d-2(b) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.14d-2(b))

[] Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the

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Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))

ITEM 2.02 RESULTS OF OPERATIONS AND FINANCIAL CONDITION.

The following information, including the Exhibit attached hereto, shall not be deemed "filed" for purposes of Section 18 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934.

On November 10, 2004, First BancTrust Corporation issued a news release to report its financial results for the quarter ended September 30, 2004. The release is furnished as Exhibit 99.1 hereto.

ITEM 9.01 FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AND EXHIBITS.

(c) Exhibits.

Exhibit Number

99.1 Press Release, dated November 10, 2004 issued by First BancTrust Corporation

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SIGNATURES

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the Registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned hereunto duly authorized.

FIRST BANCTRUST CORPORATION

Dated: November 12, 2004

/s/ Terry J. Howard

Terry J. Howard President and Chief Executive Officer

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EXHIBIT INDEX

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Press Release, dated November 10, 2004 issued by First BancTrust Corporation

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